विश्व बैंक मिशन द्वारा अपने दौरे के दौरान विभिन्न मदों तथा कार्यों की कोटि की प्रगति पर समग्र संतुष्टि व्यक्त की गयी है ।

Additional grant recommended by the 9th Finance Commission for improvement of slums in Maharashtra

314. SHRI VASHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;.

(a) whether the additional grant of Rs. 50 crores as recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission for improvement of slums has since been sanctioned to the Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the names of the projects proposed to be undertaken to utilise this grant; and

(c) whether Government propose to sanction additional funds for the develop ment of Bombay only?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The Ninth Finance Commission has recommendeid in its First Report for 1989-90 a grant of Rs. 50 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for slum . clearance and environmental improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in the: city of Bombay with an equal matching contribution by the State Government.

The State Government have proposed a. number of schemes for improvement and. provision of amenities and services in slums in Bombay viz., housing, water supply, drainage and sanitation facilities, relocation and resettlement of slums, construction of roads, bridges and sub-ways upgrading and improvement of health and hospital facilities, development of transport and electricity supply, traffic management, etc., with a total outlay of Rs. 138. 74 crores (which will be limited to Rs. 100 crores for the purpose of utilising the above men-tioned grant). Of this. schemes with an outlay of Rs. 97. 55 crores have so far been approved and a grant of Rs. 12. 19 crores has been released.

Besides the above a special non-Plan grant of Rs. 100 crores is being provided to the Government of Maharashtra for slum upgradation and housing in Bombay. Of this Rs. 50 crores have so far been released to the State Government.

Prosecution under various economic offences

315. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the: leading industrial-ists/companies prosecuted for violation of FERA provisions evasion of excise duty income-tax during the last three years; and

(b) the progress made so far relating to these cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) During the last three years, the Central Excise Authorities prosecuted 8 leading industrialists/companies for violation of Central Excise Laws. No prosecution has been launched against any of the leading industrialists/companies for violation of FERA during this period. Income-tax Department launched 721 prosecusions Department launched 721 prosecutions during 1988-89, 562 prosecutions during 1987-88 and 1426 prosecutions during 1986-87.

(b) All the above cases are pending in the courts of law at various stages.

Alleged opening of account in First Trust Corporation of St. Kitts, West Indies by certain individuals

316. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government have issued ins. tructions to the CBI or any other investi gating agency to investigate into the alleg ed opening of account in First Trust Cor poration of St. Kitts, West Indies ISI by certain individuals;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any officials of the CBI or any other investigation agency of the

(Ministry had been sent to these Islands for investigation purposes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Following certain newspaper reports in August, 1989 relating to the alleged opening and maintenance of a numbered bank account in St. Kitts by Shri Ajeya Singh, Directorate of Enforcement issued a directive under Section33(2) of FERA, 1973, to him on 13th September 1989. Shri Ajeya Singh gave his reply on 18th September 1989 and a further reply on 9th October 1989. In connection with investigation of this case, an officer of the Enforcement Directorate visited USA and St. Kitts.

Irregularities in Skipper Travel Interna, -tional (Pvt.) Ltd., New Delhi

317. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain irrgularities were detected by the Directorate, of Enforcement in the raid conducted at the New Delhi office of the Skipper Travel International (Pvt.) Ltd. recently;

(b) if sc,, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any criminal ca; e has been filed on the basis of false youchers worth about Rs. 7 lakhs found during the raid?

■ THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The premises of M|s. Skipper Travel International (Pvt.) Ltd., New Delhi were searched under the provisions of FERA, 73 on 8-8-1989 resulting in the seizure of certain documents. The investigations made so far revealed that the travel agency had been issuing air tickets, etc., on a large scale to foreign national) and non-resident Indian by accepting Indian currency against fictitious encashment certificate purported to have been issued by authorised dealer in foreign exchange. Further investigations In the matter are being pursued inaccord-ance with the law.

National Formula for Grant of DA

318. SHRI P. N. SUKUL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a national formula for granting Dearness Allowance to all categories of employees; and

(b) if so, by when. the proposal is likely to be given effect to ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) j (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposals of FICCI and CIFTI regarding Agro-food industry

319. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH.

Will the Minister of FOOD PRO-CESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Confederation of Indian Food Trade and Industry (CIFTI) have submitted to the Central Government a comprehensive policy package for development of agro-food industry recently;

(b) if so, what are; the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have (Studied the same and if so, what steps are being, taken to implement the suggestions of the two organisations?'

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MI-NISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV). (a) to (c) The Confederation of Indian Food Trade and Industry has recently sent a paper suggesting some policies required